

# San Diego DX Club Bulletin



September 2010



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**SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.**

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## From the Prez . . . .

*Gayle Olson K6GO*



Thanks to all our SDDXC and SCDXC members and guests who had a grand time at the Summer Bash. The hosts:

Wayne, W6IRD and Sharon, K6IRD were very gracious. The friendliness of the guests and the scrumptiousness of the food, made for a fabulous afternoon. As for the host's shack, I walked in and said, "Be still my heart!" Photos are on our web site. (and on Page 6 -ed)

I would like to make another plea - reminder to sign up to attend the ARRL Southwestern Division Radio Convention September 17-19 at the Four Points by Sheraton. I especially hope to see all of you on Sunday morning at the DX breakfast where Bob N6OX is the honored speaker.

At the last club meeting, club members present heard the recommendations of the board following the last board meeting. These were all items that were brought to board members from club members. Some members think we have out grown our current location. The criteria developed for a new location are: 1) a room with doors, 2) no fees to the club, 3) central location, 4) freeway close, 5) good food at reasonable prices [\$10-\$20], 6) individual bills, 7) adult refreshments. If anyone finds such a place, please forward the information to Dick, K6GAK. Also brought forward was the item of family memberships. The recommendation was \$30 and the other person must be immediate family and living under the same roof.

We are trying to bring back the **SDDXC Holiday Party**. The board recommends a pot luck menu with members bringing all the food and libations and the club providing disposables such as plates, cups, utensils. The board recommends absorbing the cleaning fee for the host for all rooms used for the party. Additionally, for this event as well as any future club sponsored home based activities, a cleaning fee will be allocated to the host. After a discussion revolving around consulting the contest calendar, a date was set. Sunday afternoon / evening of **December 5<sup>th</sup>** will be the date of our SDDXC Holiday Party. We have a tentative offer of a location; however the home is for sale. We also have a back up venue.

N6KI will be in charge of assigning who brings what food to share.

The club received a nice letter from Janice Gingerich, the daughter of Wayne Gingerich, W6EUF telling us how much her father enjoyed the SDDXC and what a good group we are. He was 84 years young when he died on June 16, 2010.

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You know that band conditions are really poor when the hottest news on 144.415 is who has mustard grass.

73,

*Gayle*

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

## Treasurers Report

Leon Helms, N6VS



### Treasurers Report

Due to the late arrival of the bank statement, the report will be presented at the meeting and published next month.

### San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at the Sizzler Restaurant on Aero Drive at Murphy Canyon Road.

Our president Gayle, K6GO, called the meeting to order at 6:30.

The Treasurer reported that we currently have a small surplus in our antenna fund after receiving \$20 each from KY6LS and N6NC.

Jay, W6AEN, was recognized as a visitor. There were 30 members and guests present.

John, K6AM, reported that the top 10 was on temporary vacation. However the club ladder has been updated with the most recent submissions.

A poll of the members was taken to determine their interest in a pot luck holiday party to be held at a member's home. As a result, we are looking for someone to volunteer to be the host. The Board of Directors decided the club should pay a commercial cleaning service to help with the after-party mess.

The roundtable included reports on propagation, QSLing and contest results

The program was a very interesting video of the K5D DXpedition to Desecheo Island

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35

Respectfully submitted,

Leon, N6VS secretary/treasurer

## The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



The SDDXC Top Ten is on vacation on the island of Ibiza. Back next month.

### 2009 CQ WW DX Contest scores:

Congratulations to Jim Stevenson, W6YI for a first place finish for Zone 3 with an all band score of 3,731,904. Glenn Rattman, K6NA, came in 3rd for Zone 3 with a score of 2,377,035. Jim McCook, W6YA took first place honors for 15 meters with a score of 110,896. John Barcroft, ZF2AM/K6AM took the #2 Assisted spot with a score of 6,987,057.

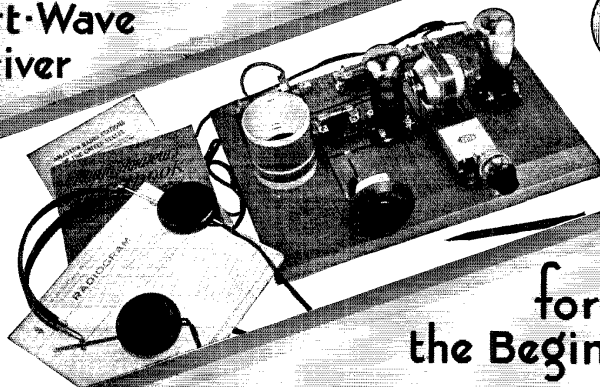
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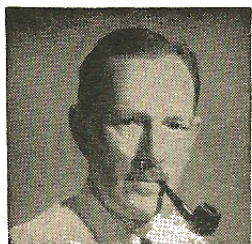
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## and Overseas News

Gathered and reported by

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Congratulations to the following station upon his achievement of WAZ:

**No. 305 Clayton R. Cash  
W6LGD 40-175**

Clay is the 117th W6 on the WAZ lists. A confirmation from 5A1TC, Zone 34, did the trick.

**SAINT MARTIN, PJ2MA:** This station came on the air March 11th at 1625 GMT. First contacts followed in this order: W5UFO, W5CEW, W4LX A3, W5EFC A3, W7SIB/4, W5DML, W5CEC, W3HOH, W3MDE, VP9BL, W2GT, W6KQY A3, W6SYG A3, W5ALA A3, W2JT A3, KZ5KA A3, KZ5DG A3, W2JT, W6MUR, YV5AT A3, W4FDF A3, PJ2AN, PJ2AG A3, G4ZU A3, W6AOA and HC1FG A3. George, PJ2AA, who operated PJ2MA, ran 40 watts to a Globe Scout modulated by 6L6's in parallel. Each contact was given a check number and QSL's should go via W1PST. The matter of separate status will be taken up and, as we see it, points in favor of this move are as follows:

1. This island is some 450 miles to the North-east of Curacao.
2. St. Martin is in North America while Curacao is South America.
3. Such status is urged by the Amateur Radio Societies of Curacao and Aruba.
4. The Curacao government has been approached and voices no objection.

**CAYMAN ISLANDS, VP5BP:** Noel VE3CJ, repeating his '51 and '52 jaunts to Grand Cayman was on the air from this spot, on phone, from March 5th to March 24th. A Viking Ranger and National NC-125 were used. Accent, this trip, was more on fishing etc. than ham radio but a fair number of contacts were racked up.

**CORN ISLAND YNØYN:** (West Gulf DX Bulletin) WØAIW has been assigned the call of YNØYN for operation from this QTH and Lee also has authorization from the F.C.C. to use a KS4 call. ARRL says there is a possibility of new country status. YN4CB and WØEIB will accompany WØAIW. As this is written Lee is encountering

difficulty arranging surface transportation from the U. S. to Bluefields, Nicaragua (Too much equipment to go via air) but once in Bluefields transportation is "all-set" to the island. If things went well YNØYN should have been heard around mid-April. HKØ operation is also a possibility.

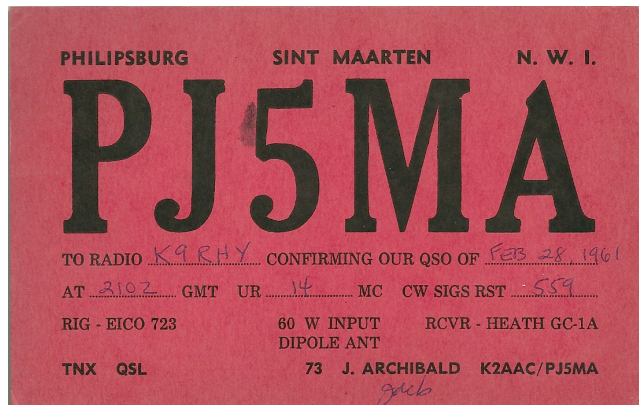
### DX Notes

TI9MHB arrived home on March 3rd via air from San Jose CR. 2040 contacts were made during his stay on Cocos. In the process, and helped (?) by a little tummy trouble, John shed 55 pounds!! . . . From the Ohio Valley ETHER WAVES we hear that VQ4NZK is now in Japan for Paramount Pictures but plans VQ9, Seychelles, trip when he returns around May. JA1CR hears that ten licenses have been issued to Formosa nationals but apparently for operation on 7 Mc. only. . . . CE1FF states that he may be 2nd op again at LX1AS in May/June but not definite. Frank also advises that HB1MX is still active from Liechtenstein on weekends but was ordered to drop the "/HE" from his call. Thus, if you hear HB1MX, don't pass him up. . . . SWL, Steve Terry, tell us that YV9AP and YV9BZ may be heard on phone, 14150. These stations are on an expedition to the Amazon territory of Venezuela. See QTH's. . . . ON4QX has been invited to go along with a Cambridge University expedition to the Himalayas which was due to leave England in March. Should he go he will probably be signing ON4QX/AC4 for a five month period. If not he will endeavor to have another ham participate. QSL cards have already been printed!! . . . F9RS reiterates that FN8AD ceased being legal on May 1st, 1950. He has continued to use the FN8 prefix at times although his real call is VU2AX. Charles also states that all rumors regarding ham licenses in Vatican City were, are and will be false. The Vatican authorities will NOT give any permission and it is useless to write. This would seem to quash any optimism regarding the stray HV1AA's, HV1A's and HV1ZZ's that are heard periodically. . . . We understand that the mysterious, and much in evidence, KD6AT is located in Korea! . . . MP4QAL, Halul Island (Qatar), has been quite active. See

## New Ones in the Caribbean

Bob Farkaly, K9RHY

In developing the story about the latest "New Ones", I decided to do a bit of research into the DXCC history of the Netherlands Antilles. Dick Spenceley's "DX" column (reproduced on Page 4) from the May 1955 edition of **CQ Magazine** describes the March 11, 1955 start of the PJ2MA operation. My



first QSL from Sint Maarten is from PJ5MA and is dated February 28, 1961. The card still has the \$0.04 stamp used to mail it firmly affixed. The operator, Jack Archibald, K2AAC isn't listed in QRZ.com, but I suspect he had escaped New York in the dead of winter and was enjoying a vacation on a warm Caribbean island at the time.



So why are these specks in the Caribbean so important to DXers 50+ years later in September 2010?

Well, the five islands of the Netherlands Antilles are going to undergo a constitutional status change on October 10, 2010 (10/10/10) that

**should** result in four new DXCC entities.

Here's the history: During the creation of the ARRL's first post war (WWII) DXCC Countries List the Netherlands West Indies (PJ) was one DXCC entity, which included the islands of Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Saba, St. Eustatius and Sint Maarten. During the late 40's and early 50's these islands were on the "Banned List". The ban was lifted on March 11, 1952.

In 1954 The Netherlands converted the Netherlands West Indies from a colonial territory to a domestic autonomy within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which was the beginning of the Netherlands Antilles. The May 1955 issue of QST Magazine (page 152) announced the recognition of two DXCC entities within the Netherlands Antilles, which was effective July 1, 1955, but with a starting date back dated to November 15, 1945 for DXCC credit purposes. At that time the DXCC country criteria had no set distance rule but rather a "does it have adequate geographical separation from a parent nation" rule. So then there were two DXCC entities, one in South America which included Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao and a second in North America which included Saba, St. Eustatius and Sint Maarten.

From 2000 to 2005, referenda were held on all five islands of the Netherlands Antilles to determine their future. The outcome of the referenda showed an overwhelming desire by the people to change the status quo and as a result the Dutch Senate agreed to disband the Netherlands Antilles with an effective date of October 10, 2010 (10-10-10). This will result in the Dutch Caribbean islands of Curacao and Sint Maarten gaining independent country status within the Kingdom of The Netherlands (on January 1, 1986 Aruba was constitutionally separated from the Netherlands Antilles, shortly afterwards receiving the P4 prefix directly from the Netherlands and achieving separate DXCC entity status.)

The split up will continue to keep the BES islands (Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba) as special municipalities of The Netherlands. Now, in October 2010, Sint Maarten PJ7, Curacao PJ2, Bonaire PJ4, are each expected to become new DXCC entities, while Saba PJ6 and Sint Eustatius PJ5 combined are set to become a single new entity (because of their proximity).

Once the Netherlands Antilles are disbanded, the existing DXCC entities, PJ2/PJ4 Leeward Islands and PJ5/PJ6/PJ7 Windward Islands, are expected to become deleted countries.

That is if all goes according to plan. We'll have to watch how the DXAC rules and how the ARRL Board of Directors responds. (Dang, now I've gotten myself all worked up – again – about how BS7 (an appropriate prefix) Scarborough Reef – made it onto the DXCC countries List. But that's another story).

The new DXCC Entities would be:

- Curacao (PJ2)
- Bonaire (PJ4)
- St. Eustatius (PJ5) and Saba (PJ6)
- Sint Maarten (PJ7)

See you in the pileups!

Bob



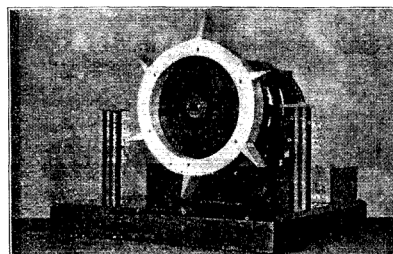
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## October Contests

Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
California QSO Party	2-Oct	1600Z	3-Oct	2159Z
Oceania DX—SSB	2-Oct	0800Z	3-Oct	0800Z
CQ WW DX—SSB	30-Oct	0000Z	31-Oct	2400Z
Oceania DX—CW	9-Oct	0800Z	10-Oct	0800Z

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